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Beef council leaders study U.S. market potential in Korea, Japan

Fifteen beef industry leaders from 10 states, including Wisconsin, were in Seoul, South Korea, and Tokyo, Japan this May where they studied market conditions and U.S. beef's potential while witnessing and participating in U.S. beef promotions.

Brady Klatt of Clinton and Joe Meyer of Unity represented Wisconsin Beef Council on the trip.

In both markets, the week-long tour included U.S. Embassy briefings from Agricultural Trade Office staff and market updates from the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) staff. The trip was organized by USMEF.

The team also met with USMEF exporter members, visited a research and development center, and saw an online wholesaler in Seoul as well as the head office of a sauce and seasoning business in Tokyo. The team witnessed and participated in marketing activities including a beef trade seminar for the food-service sector, a consumer seminar in Tokyo, and several retail promotions for U.S. beef in both markets. Team members also participated in a livestreaming event for U.S. beef with an e-commerce company in Seoul.

"It was interesting to see how the beef we raise is exported and marketed by



Brady Klatt of Clinton was one of fifteen beef industry leaders from across the U.S. who traveled to Seoul, South Korea in May where they all studied market conditions and U.S. beef's potential.

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USMEF in South Korea and Japan," said Meyer. "I also learned that USMEF is able

to leverage Beef Checkoff investments with USDA funds (from sources like market

access and foreign market development programs) and in-market partnerships. For

example, we participated in a cooking class for chefs that was partially funded by a pro-

pane company."

According to Klatt, "sustainability is not defined or regarded in South Korea and Japan like it is here. They still have concerns about bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) and traceability is important. When looking at the retail meat cases there, there is limited ground beef as compared to other beef cuts featured."

"It was important for the group to see the Korean and Japanese markets for themselves," John Hinners, USMEF senior vice president of industry relations said. "There is tremendous competition in these high-value markets and team members asked to see firsthand how the industry works to differentiate high-quality U.S. beef with consumers. Both markets still hold strong potential for U.S. beef, and the team was able to see how checkoff dollars are working to develop new and emerging opportunities."

Korea and Japan were the top volume markets for U.S. beef exports in 2023. Japan has continued to experience challenges with exports due to the strong U.S. dollar. However, optimism is strong as it relates to the foodservice sector driven by a rebound

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Blackhawk Tech celebrates spring graduates

Blackhawk Technical College held two commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 18, celebrating more than 200 graduates at the Dream Center at Central Christian Church in Beloit.

"As a Blackhawk student, you learned new things. You acquired advanced skills. You made good friends. You persevered through challenges, and you worked hard to be here today. You did it!" said Dr. Karen Schmitt, Blackhawk's Vice President of Academic Affairs.

The first ceremony, held at 9 a.m., recognized students graduating from programs within the college's Business, Manufacturing, Technology and Transportation divisions. The second ceremony, held at 11:30 a.m., honored students from programs within the Health Sciences and Public Safety divisions.

Both events featured two speakers. Passion Tann, who was voted Student of the Year at this year's Student Awards Ceremony, spoke about her choice to be brave when she started her journey at Blackhawk.

"If there is anything you get from my speech, it's to make friends with uncertainty and continue being brave. Keep putting yourself in new situations and allow yourself the room to fail, make mistakes, to be unsure. And from that, you can learn and grow because that is what true courage is," said Tann, who earned an associate degree in Business Management.

tioner who is the recipient of Blackhawk's Distinguished Alumni Award, shared how Blackhawk gave her the foundation to pursue her career goals as a nurse. She currently has a Master of Science in Nursing and works for UW Health.

"Completing my education through Blackhawk changed me as a person. I had grown so much, and that had a positive impact on my family. My success inspired other family members to further their education and obtain degrees at Blackhawk," Kilgore said.

The event also included one Rock University High School student who earned her associate degree in Human Services through Blackhawk's dual enrollment program. Camille Shepherd will graduate from high school in June.

"Your future now contributes to our vision for delivering innovative education that enriches our communities. And I am certain that the world is waiting for the unique contributions that only you can make," Dr. Schmitt told graduates at the conclusion of each ceremony.

About the speakers

Passion Tann, Student of the Year

Passion Tann, who graduated with an associate degree in Business Management, was named Student of the Year at this year's Student Awards Ceremony on April 30.

Passion, who is a graduate of Beloit Memorial High School, has been an active member of

Blackhawk's Business Professionals of America chapter and the Student Government Association, serving as the parliamentarian. She also has served as the president of Blackhawk's Phi Theta Kappa chapter and has been a student worker in Blackhawk's CARE Center.

Passion is headed to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in the fall to earn a bachelor's degree in Psychology. She hopes to eventually earn a master's degree in either Psychology or Counseling, and to live abroad for at least a year.

Tinika Kilgore, Distinguished Alumni of the Year

Tinika Kilgore, a nurse practitioner for UW Health, is the recipient of Blackhawk's Distinguished Alumni Award.

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More than 200 graduates celebrated at the Dream Center at Central Christian Church in Beloit.

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Solar project completion marks milestone in clean energy

The 200-MW project caps Alliant Energy's historic solar buildout

Alliant Energy announced it successfully completed constructing its Grant County Solar Project. The 200-megawatt (MW) solar array in Potosi, Wis., can generate enough electricity to power more than 50,000 homes annually.

The project's completion is the culmination of Alliant Energy's multi-phase buildout of 12 utility-scale solar projects in Wisconsin totaling 1,089 MW. This investment in a more diverse energy generation mix created more than 2,700 jobs across all projects. It improves service reliability and enables Alliant Energy to power nearly 300,000 homes annually with zero-fuel-cost solar energy.

“I’ve seen the benefits of this solar project in the community firsthand.”

— Business owner and participating landowner, Dave Fritz

“The successful completion of the Grant County Solar Project is a milestone achievement on our journey toward a cleaner, more reliable and cost-effective energy future,” said Lisa Barton, president and CEO of Alliant Energy. “Investing in a di-

verse energy mix is just one way we add value for customers while sustaining the economic and environmental health of the communities we serve. Together, with our customers, local communities and construction partners, we are making Wisconsin’s energy future brighter than ever.”

Encompassing over 1,400 acres, the Grant County Solar Project site hosts more than 430,000 solar panels and features nearly 350 acres of native pollinator habitat. Alliant Energy expects the site will generate an estimated \$30 million in new shared revenue for the county and town over the life of the project.

“I’ve seen the benefits of this solar project in the community firsthand,” said Dave Fritz, a local business owner and participating landowner. “Solar lease payments help local landowners like me diversify our income and preserve our land’s value for the future. In terms of economic impact, the Grant County Solar Project delivered on its promise of jobs and will benefit local taxpayers for decades thanks to the added shared revenue payments.”

Alliant Energy contracted with a subsidiary of NextEra



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An aerial view of the 200-megawatt solar project in Grant County in Potosi.

Energy Resources, LLC to construct the Grant County Solar Project. Construction began in September 2022, employing more than 700 workers. The influx of jobs helped maximize the local economic benefit of the project.

“Part of our commitment to an efficient and reliable energy future means making more renewable sources of energy accessible,” said Anthony Pedroni, vice president of renewables and storage development at NextEra En-

ergy Resources. “This solar energy project reflects the shared commitment we have with Alliant Energy to deliver cost-effective clean energy solutions that benefit communities and the environment.”

The announcement underscores Alliant Energy’s role as a leader in the clean energy transition. In addition to being Wisconsin’s largest owner and operator of solar energy generation, Alliant Energy plans to develop nearly 275 MW of energy storage capac-

ity to complement its renewable portfolio. This includes the 100-MW Grant County Battery Project that will also be located at the Grant County Solar Project site.

Through the investments outlined in the company’s Clean Energy Blueprint, Alliant Energy is diversifying its generation portfolio, improving energy security and working to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions from utility operations by 2050.



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BID welcomes new director Tessa Disch

The Downtown Janesville BID – Business Improvement District – is thrilled to welcome Tessa Disch as the organization’s new Director. Tessa brings extensive experience in community engagement and development, event management and planning, and an administrative background to her role.



Tessa Disch

The Downtown Janesville BID was established in 2017 to support, revitalize, and grow downtown Janesville businesses. The organization’s goal is to foster property enhancements, business growth, and support the ongoing development and collaboration of a healthy downtown. BID officials say Tessa will be an advocate for the downtown, and a source for information, resources, and

activities related to downtown revitalization, and a key spokesperson for the BID and its efforts on behalf of downtown property owners and businesses.

“I have always had a passion for the communities that I’ve lived in. After deciding to purchase a home in Janesville, I knew that I wanted to do more to make my community a better place and working with BID has been an excellent opportunity to do so. Downtown Janesville has so much potential for continual growth and success, and it has been so re-

warding to see the community that I am now a permanent part of continue to thrive,” Tessa said.

Tessa received her degree from the University of Texas San Antonio and has focused on community engagement and development throughout her professional career. She has several years of experience working with the National MS Society, United Way, and most recently Mercyhealth Systems. Her past roles have allowed her to gain experience in connecting with diverse communities and implementing creative strategies for change. As a Rock County native who recently moved back to the area, she is excited to bring her experience and talents to BID and has high hopes for the con-

tinuous growth of Downtown Janesville.

“Tessa’s passion for downtown Janesville is very evident. It has been great watching her interact with property and business owners. I look forward to seeing Tessa continue to help move downtown Janesville forward,” shared Matt Kealy, downtown business owner of drafthouse and BID Board Chairperson.

The director position is funded through a special assessment of downtown property owners and a grant provided by The Forward Foundation. BID, along with partners, aspires for downtown Janesville to be the chosen place to live, work, and play. For more information, please visit www.downtownjanesville.com.

Registration open for Cops and Bobbers event

Sheriff Fell is pleased to announce that the Rock County Sheriff’s Office’s first 2024 Cops and Bobbers event will be held on June 11, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Floating Toy, 723 East Ellendale Road, in Edgerton.

Youth participants accompanied by Sheriff’s Office staff will fish Lake Koshkonong from pontoon boats. Check-in will start at 9:45 a.m.; an adult guardian must be present at check-in.

There are twenty spots available for kids ages 7 to 12. These spots will fill on a first-come basis.

Guardians can register their kid(s) online at www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/sheriff-soffice/recreational-patrol/cops-and-bobbers.

Upon submitting the registration form, review the onscreen confirmation message.

Life jackets, fishing gear, and lunch will be provided during the event. Participants will receive a t-shirt.

The Sheriff’s Office is seeking sponsorships for the Cops and Bobbers Program. These events are free to participants due to the generosity of financial and in-kind sponsors. To learn more about sponsorships, email Deputy Trevor Lund at trevor.lund@co.rock.wi.us.

Please direct any questions to Deputy Lund at 608-373-3816.

Seniors can receive a farmers’ market voucher

What is the Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program?

Eligible seniors receive vouchers worth \$45 to purchase locally grown produce at approved farmers’ markets and roadside stands.

Who is eligible?

- Rock County residents age 60 or older (Native Americans 55 or older)
- Monthly household income which is not more than \$2,322 for one person or \$3,152 for two people, etc.
- Though based on household income, each qualifying individual may receive vouchers once per calendar year.

How to get these vouchers? Vouchers will be distributed at multiple locations. There are a limited number of vouchers available; distributions are on a first-come, first-served ba-

sis.

Those that cannot get to a distribution have two options. Call the ADRC Nutrition Program at 608-757-5428 at least one week in advance of the distribution to request a Proxy Authorization Form. This is the only document which will permit someone else to receive vouchers on behalf of an eligible senior. The form must be signed by the voucher recipient and then taken by the authorized representative to a distribution. Limit of 4 proxy forms per representative. If distributions have already been completed, call 608-757-5428 for voucher availability and options.

Also, beginning July 2, any remaining vouchers will be distributed on a first-come first-served basis. Call 608-757-5428 for availability and

options; leave a voicemail.

For more information, please call Rock County ADRC Nutrition Program at 608-757-5428.

2024 Voucher Distribution Schedule Footville

• Tuesday, June 11, 10 to 11 a.m., Footville Village Hall, 261 N. Gilbert St.

Orfordville

• Tuesday, June 11, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Orfordville Village Hall, 303 E. Beloit St.

Clinton

• Wednesday, June 12, 10 to 11 a.m., Clinton Senior Center, 508 Front St.

Janesville

• Thursday, June 13, 2 to 3:30 p.m., Dr. Daniel Hale

Williams Rock County Resource Center (DWRC), 1717 Center Ave., Beckman Mill Conference Room

Evansville

• Friday, June 14, 10 to 11 a.m., Creekside Place, 102 Maple St.

Edgerton

• Tuesday, June 18, 10 to 11 a.m., Edgerton Public Library, 101 Albion St., parking in back

Beloit

• Wednesday, June 19, 2 to 3:30 p.m., Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd., Community Room

Milton

• Friday, June 21, 10 to 11 a.m., The Gathering Place, 715 Campus St.

Police news

Sex offender relocated to Janesville

According to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, Romeo Salinas, Jr. relocated to Rock Valley Community Programs, 203 W. Sunny Lane, Janesville, on May 29.

Salinas was convicted twice of 2nd Degree Sexual Assault of a Child on Sept. 25, 2009, Case #’s 07CF254 and 09CF106 in Dunn County, Wis.

While residing at 203 W. Sunny Lane, Janesville, conditions of Salinas’s supervision include, but are not limited to: No unsupervised contact with minors; No contact with victim; Not to consume drugs or alcohol; No Taverns/Bars/Liquor Stores, Comply with Standard Sex Offender Rules; Cooperate with Electronic Monitoring; Comply with all requirements and be a lifetime registrant of the Wisconsin Sex Offender Registration Program.

The Rock County Sheriff’s Office is not responsible for the placement of this sex of-



Romeo Salinas, Jr.

fender in any manner; however, by law, they are required to provide public notice.

For further information regarding the placement of this offender, please contact the Department of Community Corrections at 608-758-6075 or refer to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections Sex Offender Registry website online at www.WISTAYSAFE.gov.

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Janesville Town Square Gran Prix set to return

The Janesville Town Square Gran Prix (JTSGP), presented by Blain's Farm and Fleet and part of the Tour of America's Dairyland (ToAD) pro-am cycling series, is set to return to downtown Janesville on June 13.

The race promises to showcase the vibrancy of downtown Janesville while providing an exciting spectacle for residents and visitors alike. The JTSGP is a competitive criterium race featuring professional and amateur cyclists from around the world. Spectators can expect heart-pounding action as cyclists navigate a challenging 0.68-mile course through downtown Janesville. In addition to the thrilling races, the event will feature family-friendly activities like a Kids Roll bike race, entertainment, and food trucks throughout Town Square, local opportunities to support local businesses.

"Year six of the Janesville Town Square Gran Prix presented by Blain's Farm and Fleet is once again going to be exciting for downtown Janesville, thanks to the local support of the community," said

Paul Murphy, JTSGP Event Chair. "USA Cycling has also chosen Rock County and the Gran Prix to host the 2024 Para-Cycling Road National Championships and crown the champions in downtown Janesville on June 13."

The Janesville area will host the 2024 Para-Cycling Road National Championships on June 11 to 13. This exciting event will precede the highly anticipated kick-off to the 15th annual Kwik Trip Tour of America's Dairyland series, showcasing the region's commitment to inclusive sports and vibrant cycling culture.

The JTSGP is made possible through the collaborative efforts of the Janesville community, including event organizers Paul Murphy and John Westphal, the City of Janesville, Janesville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Downtown Janesville, Inc. Their support ensures the success of the event and contributes to the economic vitality of the downtown area.

"We are so proud to once again host the Janesville Town Square Gran Prix along



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The Janesville Town Square Gran Prix is set to return to downtown Janesville on June 13. This image is from the 2023 event.

with the Para-Cycling Road National Championships right here in Janesville," said Sue Melton, Marketing Director at the Janesville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. "We want to invite the community and the region to come out and support the racers, enjoy fun activities, shop, dine, and experience the adrenaline rush that three

days of high-energy cycle racing will bring!"

The Tour of America's Dairyland series runs for 11 consecutive days in 11 different communities throughout Southeast Wisconsin, making it the longest competitive road cycling series in the nation. For more information about the Janesville Town Square Gran Prix, please visit

www.janesvilletownsquaregranprix.com.

The Janesville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (JACVB) is a private, non-profit Destination Marketing Organization, whose mission is to lead, support and promote tourism in the area by promoting Janesville as a prime destination for meetings and conventions,

motorcoach, sporting events, and leisure travelers, thereby creating a positive economic impact on the community and enhancing the quality of life. The JACVB is funded by local hotel room tax and receives approximately 60% of the room tax collected by the City of Janesville with the remainder going into the city's general fund.

Janesville to host 2024 para-cycling road national championships

Janesville is gearing up to host the prestigious 2024 Para-Cycling Road National Championships, set to take place from June 11 to June 13. This exciting event will precede the highly anticipated kick-off to the 15th annual Kwik Trip Tour of America's Dairyland series, showcasing the region's commitment to inclusive sports and vibrant cycling culture.

Para-cyclists from across the nation will converge in Rock County for three days of thrilling competition. Athletes will have the unique opportunity to showcase their skills in various events including a Road Race, Time Trial, and Team Relay, along with the Hand-cycle Series as part of the Tour of America's Dairyland on June 13.

"Hosting the Para-Cy-

cling Road Championships is truly an honor. We are thrilled to welcome para-cyclists from across the nation to Janesville. This three-day event is not only a celebration of athletic achievement but also a remarkable reminder of the unifying power of sports," said Christine Rebout, Executive Director of the Janesville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Additional details including schedule and registration to come.

Last year, the U.S. Paralympics Cycling Time Trial was also held on the grounds of Rock Prairie Presbyterian Church. The Paralympic Games provide a platform for athletes with disabilities to showcase their incredible talents and inspire others around the world. The cycling time tri-

al event is just one of many events at the Paralympics, where athletes compete in a variety of sports including athletics, swimming, wheelchair basketball, and many more.

On June 13, Janesville is also host to the kick-off race, the Janesville Town Square Gran Prix, of the Tour of America's Dairyland. This series includes 11 days of consecutive competitions throughout Wisconsin. The Tour of America's Dairyland was recently named one of the top five road cycling events in the United States by USA TODAY 10 Best.

For more information about the Janesville Town Square Gran Prix, visit: janesvilletownsquaregranprix.com.

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ceives approximately 60% of the room tax collected by the City of Janesville with the remainder going into the city's general fund.

Founded in 1894 and headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado, the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) serves as both the National Olympic Committee and National Paralympic Committee for the United States. The USOPC is focused on protecting, supporting and empowering

America's athletes, and is responsible for fielding U.S. teams for the Olympic, Paralympic, Youth Olympic, Pan American and Parapan American Games, and serving as the steward of the Olympic and Paralympic movements in the U.S.



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Para-cyclists from across the nation will converge in Rock County for three days.

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Field projects in 2024: Yield contest, cover crops and soil health

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2024 is well underway, and the UW-Extension team is hard at work performing research and maximizing the returns on investment for Wisconsin soybean growers. Dr. Shawn Conley, a soybean specialist with UW-Extension, has his hands full with a variety of projects, such as the upcoming yield contest, a new soil health initiative and cover crop research.

2024 Yield Contest

The Wisconsin Soybean Yield Contest is back again this year! Over the years, this contest has seen increasing participation thanks to the involvement of seed advisors. The yield contest offers new categories and opportunities for farmers. Furthermore, seed dealers and agronomists are encouraged to participate in the contest through financial incentives, aiming to boost program participation and outcomes. Anyone wishing to participate

in this year's contest has until August 31 to enter. See WISoybean.org for contest entry and details

Sustainable farming with healthy soil

In addition to the yield contest, Dr. Shawn Conley is also focused on a new soil health project, aimed at improving the sustainability of farming practices in Wisconsin. This project encourages farmers to send in soil samples, production practice surveys and yield data for

analysis. This initiative seeks to identify soil health metrics that correlate with soybean yield and to discover management strategies that can improve soil health, noting positive effects from long-term cover cropping. The project aims to go beyond soil composition testing by evaluating various farming systems, including those using cover crops or conservation tillage, to scientifically support the benefits of such practices. Dr. Conley hopes that the results of this project will lead to

market incentives for farmers implementing sustainable practices and will ensure that these incentives truly benefit farmers through improved yields or financial support for adopting these practices.

Cover crops: Learning from the drought year

Wisconsin growers faced many challenges last year due to a drought. Dr. Conley learned quite a bit about farming in a year marked by severe drought and how these insights can influence farming practices in the future, particularly concerning the use of cover crops. Last year's drought conditions resulted in a significant yield reduction for some, with a specific instance where failing to terminate a cover crop in a timely manner led to a 40 bushel per acre yield loss due to insufficient water for seed germination. This situation, along with the experiences of other growers across the state, underlines the importance of timely cover crop termination,

especially before planting seasons and in anticipation of dry spells, in order to prevent yield losses. These experiences also showcase adaptive strategies and communication efforts, like using social media and collaborative platforms to advise farmers on best practices based on weather conditions and soil moisture levels.

As we move through 2024, it's evident that the collective efforts of Wisconsin's soybean growers, aided by the research from UW-Extension and support from the WSMB are integral to not just confronting the immediate challenges but also securing a more resilient and prosperous agricultural future. These projects, funded by soybean checkoff dollars are intended to give back to local growers and help them have a successful growing season.

To learn more about this year's field projects, visit Dr. Shawn Conley's website at coolbean.info, or view other research resources at wisoybean.org/wsmb/research.

Sterbin welcomed as Janesville CVB's digital media intern and visitor services representative

The Janesville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (JACVB) is thrilled to announce the addition of Ava Sterbin to the team as the office's Digital Media Intern and Visitor Services Representative.

Ava just wrapped up her freshman year at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, majoring in Marketing with an emphasis in Digital Marketing. She has been actively involved in the campus's American Marketing Association (AMA) and achieved Dean's List honors. Ava's passion for digital marketing and her commitment to excellence make her an ideal candidate for this dual role.

"I am super excited to work with the JACVB as their new Digital Media Intern and Visitor Services Representative! I am originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin but I am excited to serve the Janesville community and help others adore what it has to offer like I do," shared Ava. "As a marketing student at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, I am excited and eager to enhance my skill set and grow with the help of the JACVB and the Janesville community."

As Digital Media Intern, Ava will be responsible for helping to create engaging content across various digital platforms, including writing blogs, creating content for social media pages with a cumulative following of more than 43,000 people, and crafting e-newsletters. In her role as Visitor Services Representative, Ava will

oversee the seasonal Visitor Information Center (VIC) located at Palmer Park. Serving as the direct liaison between area visitors and the Janesville community at multiple different points, Ava will help ensure that visitors receive warm hospitality and valuable information about all that Janesville has to offer.

"We are so excited to welcome Ava to our team for the summer," said Katie Tranel, Director of Digital Strategy and Public Relations. "Her enthusiasm, creativity, and dedication to exceptional customer service make her a valuable asset to the JACVB. We look forward to the positive impact she will undoubtedly have on our organization and the community."

The VIC, officially open for the summer season, operates from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week through mid-September. Located at Palmer Park, the center provides visitors with local and state information, including maps, directions, and details about events and attractions in the Janesville area.

In 2023, the Visitor Information Center welcomed and assisted nearly 800 visitors from 28 states, plus 3 territories in Canada, the UK, and Germany, highlighting its importance as a hub for hospitality and information in Janesville. Whether visitors are seeking information about upcoming events, nearby attractions, or dining options, the VIC offers personalized assistance to ensure an unforgettable experience.

The Janesville Area Con-

vention and Visitors Bureau (JACVB) is a private, non-profit Destination Marketing Organization, whose mission is to lead, support and promote tourism in the area by promoting Janesville as a prime destination for meetings and conventions, motorcoach, sporting events, and leisure travelers,

thereby creating a positive economic impact on the community and enhancing the quality of life. The JACVB is funded by local hotel room tax and receives approximately 60% of the room tax collected by the City of Janesville with the remainder going into the city's general fund.

News briefs

Orfordville village clerk warns of door-to-door sales person

The Orfordville village clerk was notified that there is a person going door to door trying to raise money for FFA and veterans in Orfordville; they were selling a super saver coupon book.

The clerk checked with the FFA advisor and he does not have an association with a veterans group to raise money.

The Parkview FFA Alumni is selling raffle tickets right now, but not a super saver raffle book.

Temporary compost site open in Footville

There will be a temporary compost site open in Footville at 280 N. Gilbert St., north of the fire department. There will be places for grass clippings and compost material, as well as brush. Please adhere to the signs and only place items in the correct bunk.

Orfordville to flush hydrants starting soon

The Orfordville Public Works Department will begin flushing hydrants the week

of June 10. Locals may experience some sediment in their water after the hydrant is flushed. Please check the screens on any faucets to make sure to remove accumulated sediment, if any.

Please call DPW Director Nick Todd with any questions at 608-751-4785.

Veteran's Memorial Park fundraiser in June

There will be a Veteran's Memorial Park fundraiser on June 30 at Bass Creek Golf Course. There will be a 9 a.m. shot gun start, at \$70 per person. Price includes 9 holes of golf and luncheon. There are hole prizes and a prize for the best patriotic decorated golf cart. Hole sponsors pay \$50 for a small sign and \$100 for a large sign. Sponsor requests need to be submitted by June 14. Contact Danielle Harnack at 608-295-0423 or Ronald Nath at 608-921-8225 for questions and to sign up.

Trash, recycling bulk pick-up in Orfordville

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Completed applications must be returned to Melanie Crans, PO Box 529, 31 S. Madison Street, Evansville, WI 53536, postmarked by Wednesday, June 12, at 2 p.m. Emailed applications will be accepted at m.crans@evansvillewi.gov. Confidentiality cannot be guaranteed for finalists. The City may conduct interviews or reviews of highly qualified applicants earlier than June 12, apply early for full consideration. Position will be filled after review of formal application/resume and an interview. Personal, professional and criminal reference checks will be required.

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10126 S. NELSON RD. Sat. June 8, 8-5pm. Go karts, Perego RZR, beer glasses, many kids toys, old comics, new floor tiles, DVD's, CD's, few antiques, collectibles, clothes and much more.

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College news

UW-Stevens Point undergraduates honored for achievement

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point honored more than 2,300 undergraduate students for attaining high grade point averages during the spring semester of the 2023-2024 academic year.

Full-time undergraduates who earned grade points of 3.90 to 4.0 (4.0 equals straight A) are given the highest honors designation. High honor citations go to those with grade point averages from 3.75 to 3.89 and honor recognition is accorded to those with grade point averages from 3.50 to 3.74.

Personalized certificates of scholastic achievement are sent to those who earned highest honors distinction.

Students who received honors include:

Albany

• Mackenzie Castellucci, Honors

Brodhead

• Gracyn Bolton, Honors
• Jeshua Fraley-Markley, Honors

Juda

• Libby Jordan, High Honors

Students named to Dean's List for spring

The following students from the area have been named to the University of Wisconsin-Stout Dean's List for the spring 2024 semester.

The award is presented to students who have a grade point average of 3.5 or above. UW-Stout has more than

50 industry-aligned undergraduate programs and 24 graduate programs. Established in 1891, UW-Stout prides itself on the success of its students in the workplace, with an employment rate of 99% for recent graduates. The university was awarded the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award in 2001.

UW-Stout, a member of the Universities of Wisconsin, is Wisconsin's Polytechnic University, with a focus on applied learning, collaboration with business and industry, and career outcomes. Learn more via the FOCUS2030 strategic plan.

Brodhead

• Matthew Collins, BS mechanical engineering; BS plastics engineering

• Lexie Holt Lobeck, BS early childhood education

• Bailey Matthys, BS psychology

• Cordell Purdy, BS computer science

Orfordville

• Noah Flood Elyafi, BS computer and electrical engineering

UW-Whitewater baseball punches ticket to Division III World Series

The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater baseball team qualified for the 2024 NCAA Division III Championship, an eight-team, double-elimination tournament that started on Friday, May 31, at Classic Auto Group Park in Eastlake, Ohio.

The following UW-Whitewater student-athletes from this area were part of the

team:

• Jackson Burk of Beloit, who is majoring in Finance.

• Brady Malkow of Brodhead, who is majoring in General Business.

The Warhawks won the NCAA Whitewater Regional and Super Regional rounds to punch a ticket to their eight Division III World Series. UW-Whitewater is the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference regular season and tournament champion and owns a 40-9 record entering the tournament.

The Warhawks, seeking the championship's third national championship, started World Series action this Friday, May 31, against Randolph-Macon.

Edgerton student part of UWW student government in 2023-24

Madalyn Rosquist, a Supply Chain Management major from Edgerton, at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, was part of Whitewater Student Government (WSG) during the 2023-24 academic year.

Rosquist served in the role of senator for WSG, a student-led organization that works to advocate for students and improve life on campus.

Responsibilities of the WSG include legislation, student advocacy, and programming, including sexual assault prevention education and sustainability on campus. WSG is part of the university's shared governance groups, which also include the Faculty Senate, University Staff Council, and Academic Staff Assembly. Each

group meets monthly and selects liaisons to each of the other groups.

Milton student graduates from Wisconsin Lutheran College

Wisconsin Lutheran College congratulates their students who graduated in May 2024.

John Rolsma, of Milton, graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sport and Exercise Science, and received a Christian Leadership Certificate.

Wisconsin Lutheran College (WLC) is an independent, residential, nationally ranked Christian college in Milwaukee that serves nearly 1,100 undergraduate and graduate students. The college, which prepares students for lives of Christian leadership, is recognized for its academic excellence and superior student experience. Learn more at wlc.edu.

Janesville student earns national scholarship

Beto Patino Luna, a Geography major from Janesville, at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, is one of 10 recipients nationwide of the 2024 American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) Undergraduate Scholarship.

Patino Luna earned a \$1,600 scholarship from the AIPG, the largest association dedicated to promoting geology as a profession. The organization's foundation sponsors more than half of the scholarships awarded.

Recipients included stu-

dents from universities all over the country, including the University of Georgia, the University of Miami, and Michigan State University.

Geography students at UW-Whitewater regularly present their research at Research in the Rotunda, an annual event where students share their research projects and findings with state leaders. These types of hands-on learning opportunities help geography students get jobs or pursue advanced degrees after graduation.

Cole Dillenburg achieves Austin Peay State University Dean's List

Austin Peay State University is proud to recognize Cole Dillenburg from Janesville, as one of the students named to the Dean's List for academic achievement during spring 2024.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a semester GPA of 3.5 or greater.

Monroe student named to Elmhurst University's Spring 2024 Dean's List

Alyssa Roelli, of Monroe, was among more than 975 students named to Elmhurst University's Spring 2024 Dean's List.

The Dean's List is composed of students who, during the term concerned, attained a grade-point average of 3.75 or higher (out of a possible 4.00).

Elmhurst University is a leading four-year institution of higher education that seamlessly blends liberal learning and professional preparation to help students

reach their full potential. Founded in 1871, Elmhurst now offers more than 70 undergraduate programs of study, more than 20 graduate and certificate programs in flexible formats, and the Elmhurst Learning and Success Academy for young adults with differing abilities. Elmhurst University is among the top-ranked colleges and universities in the Midwest, according to U.S. News and World Report.

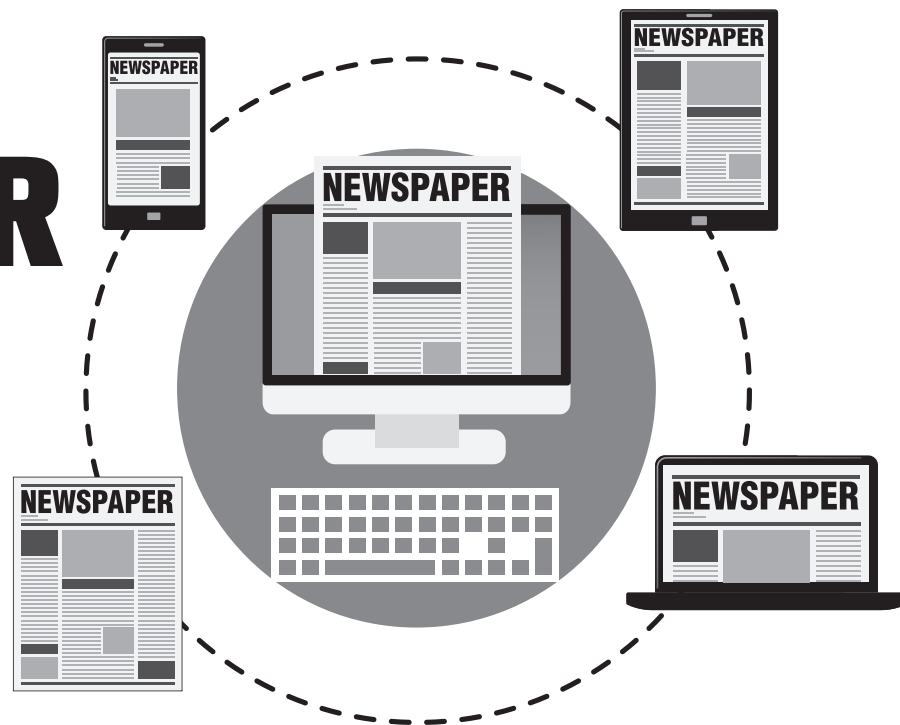
Janesville student was named to dean's list at Olivet Nazarene

Leo Burke of Janesville was named to the dean's list at Olivet Nazarene University during the recently completed spring 2024 semester. To qualify for inclusion on the dean's list, a student must have been enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and must have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 grading scale.

Olivet Nazarene University is an accredited Christian, liberal arts university offering more than 140 areas of undergraduate and graduate study, including the Doctor of Education in ethical leadership. Olivet's 275-acre park-like main campus is in Bourbonnais, Illinois, 45 miles south of Chicago. Additionally, Olivet offers Graduate and Continuing Studies via online education. From Oxford to Tokyo, hundreds of Olivet students also experience the global classroom each year through study abroad opportunities, internships and worldwide mission trips.

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